

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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ANNUAL REPORT

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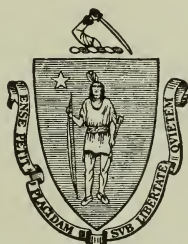
Secretary of the Commonwealth

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954



EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1954.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1954.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

### 1954 SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT

In previous reports I have included a brief summary of such legislation as was enacted during the next prior session of the General Court which was of particular application or interest to the administration of the office of the State Secretary.

During the 1954 session of the General Court there were several measures enacted which are of such general interest and a brief abstract of the same is contained in the following summary.

### 1954 STATUTES RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS

#### *Chapter 31. Relative to the Filing of Certificates of Nomination.*

*The secretary of a political party convention held to endorse candidates for nomination must file a certificate of such endorsement with acceptances by nominees with the State Secretary within ten days of the termination of such a convention.*

#### *Chapter 32. Relative to town meetings, inserting articles in warrants and calling of special town meetings.*

*Requires selectmen to insert an article in annual town meeting warrants on petition of ten voters, for special meetings on petition of 100 voters or ten percent of voters (if less), and to call special meetings on petition of 200 voters, or 20 percent of voters, whichever is less.*

#### *Chapter 67. Relative to time for filing petitions for adoption of standard city charters.*

*Requires a petition for adoption of standard city charter to be filed with a City Clerk 140 days prior to an election at which a question is to be submitted.*

#### *Chapter 79. Further Defining the Words "Armed Forces of the United States" for the Purpose of Absent Voting.*

*Members of the immediate family of persons in the armed services accompanying such personnel are authorized to vote by absentee ballot if otherwise eligible.*

#### *Chapter 101. Further Extending the privilege of absent voting.*

*Broadens absent voting privilege to those who are absent from city or town during the hours when polls are open upon proper application filed with a city or town clerk, or with the State Secretary.*

- Chapter 102.** Relative to the counting of Absentee Ballots in cities and towns where Voting Machines are used.  
*Provides for the counting of absentee ballots where voting machines are used by registrars of voters, after certification that the absent voter has not voted in person.*
- Chapter 114.** Relative to the filing of certificates of nomination and nomination papers for city offices.  
*Requires filing of nomination papers and certificates of nomination twenty-one days prior to city elections and in cities other than Boston twenty-eight days before such elections if the city has accepted Section 103A of Chapter 54.*
- Chapter 127.** Restricting the number of times the name of a candidate may appear on official ballots for a particular office.  
*Restricts to once the number of times the name of a candidate may appear on official ballots for the same office.*
- Chapter 152.** Relative to restoration of proportional representation in Plan E cities.  
*Provides a method for restoring elections by proportional representation in Plan E cities upon petition of ten percent of registered voters.*
- Chapter 155.** Providing for judicial review of boards of appeal proceedings.  
*Provides for judicial review by the superior court of proceedings of boards of appeal by amending General Laws Chapter 43, Section 9.*
- Chapter 183.** Relative to the number of signatures required for nomination at State Primaries.  
*250 for Congress and Councillor, and for County Offices except in Nantucket and Dukes County,  
 50 for State Senator,  
 25 for Representative in the General Court  
 and limits necessity for certifying names to twenty percent above required number, except for State Senator, for which office it may be one hundred percent.  
 Limits requirement that State Secretary receive nomination papers to the number fixed above.*
- Chapter 223.** Relative to the filing of a certain statement required of certain persons under the Corrupt Practices Law, so called.  
*Requires statements under corrupt practices act to be filed by candidates or committees in the city or town where the candidate is a voter.*
- Chapter 224.** Relative to the definition of the term "Political Committee."  
*Amends definition of "Political Party" in General Laws Chapter 50, Section 1 by striking out the words "thirty-eight" in line five and substituting the words "twenty-nine."*
- Chapter 225.** Relative to the arrangement of names on ballots.  
*Provides that the names of incumbent candidates for re-nomination at a State primary shall be first on the ballot in alphabetical order, whether said incumbents have been elected by the people or by the Senate and House.*
- Chapter 230.** Relative to vacancies in Plan E cities.  
*Provides for filling vacancies in elective bodies for unexpired term by remaining members of said bodies.*

*Chapter 272.* Regulating the time for filing certain statements of political expenses of candidates for elective office.

*Extends time for filing statements of expenses by candidates for election from fourteen to sixteen days as has been the law as to primaries.*

*Chapter 287.* Further regulating non-elected political committees.

*Regulates non-elected political committees and requires that name of a candidate be included in title, and requires filing thirty days before election by treasurer and three members, and a consent by the candidate concerned.*

*Chapter 530.* Permitting Campaign contributions by public officers.

*Permits persons holding elective public office to contribute to a candidate or to a political committee.*

*Chapter 644.* Regulating political activities of public employees.

*Prohibits all salaried persons, other than elected officials, in the employ of the Commonwealth, or of any political subdivision thereof, from soliciting or receiving any contribution of value for any political purpose, but permitting such persons to be members of political organizations or committees.*

*Chapter 665.* Relative to the redivision of cities of the Commonwealth into Wards.

*Prohibits new divisions of cities into wards as is permitted in December every tenth year, the last digit of which is four for the calendar year, 1954.*

#### LAWS RELATIVE TO CORPORATIONS ENACTED IN 1954 CONCERNING FILINGS IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE SECRETARY.

*Chapter 72.* An Act Relative to the Dissolution of Housing Authorities.

*Whenever a housing authority determines that there is no further need for its existence, it may vote to dissolve subject to approval by a town meeting or a city government. Then the Chairman of the State Housing Board must report the vote to the State Secretary for dissolution of the authority.*

*Chapter 254.* An Act Making Provisions for Reports by Voluntary Associations and Certain Trusts.

*This act requires voluntary associations and trusts with transferrable shares to file annual reports with the State Tax Commission for approval and filing with the State Secretary for record upon payment of a \$10 filing fee.*

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Recommendations of this office relative to facilities for housing the Archives of the Commonwealth, fixing the salaries of constitutional officers and establishing a clerical pool in the department of Civil Service and Registration have been referred to committees for study and report to the 1955 session of the General Court.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

As provided in General Laws, Chapter 31, Sections 32 and 33, each department head must file such recommendations as embrace legislative proposals through this office for transmission to the General Court on or before the first Wednesday of November of each calendar year. This department likewise must file such recommendations as require legislation on the same day. In compliance therewith, I shall file such recommendations and reasons in support thereof with the clerk of the House of Representatives on November 3, 1954.

## RECOMMENDED

The measures to be filed include the following:

- A Recommendation for New Quarters to House the Archives.*
- A Provision for Additional Cataloguers in the Archives.*
- A Measure Setting Up an Information Bureau in this Department.*
- An Appropriation to Enable the Supervisor of Public Records to Make Adequate Examinations and Inspections.*
- A Provision for a Continuing Division of Compilation of Laws in this Department.*
- An Adjustment of the Salaries of Constitutional Officers.*
- A Requirement that Non Business Corporations Other than Churches and Schools File Annual Reports.*
- A Provision for Group Life and Disability Insurance for All Persons in the Employ of the Commonwealth.*
- A Measure Permitting the Naming of Additional Deputies in this Department.*
- The Restoration of the Practice Requiring the Publication and Distribution of All State Publications by the State Secretary.*
- A Transfer of All Jurisdiction Over the Issue of Corporate Charters, the Filing of Reports and All Matters Except Taxation of Corporations to This Department*
- A Revision of the Law Relative to Trademarks.*
- A Measure Permitting Unenrolled Voters to Enroll in a Party at Any Time.*
- A Recommendation that Department Heads May Name Both a Confidential Assistant and a Confidential Secretary Not Subject to Civil Service.*

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT  
OF  
THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954

ACCOUNTS  
FINANCES OF DEPARTMENT

The subjoined financial statements set forth the receipts and disbursements of the Department of the State Secretary for the fiscal year 1953-1954.

It is worthy of note that with receipts of \$850,533.30 and disbursements of \$436,861.32 the Department was more than self sustaining, and in fact earned \$413,671.98. This is the largest excess of income over expense in the history of this Department.

The excess will be smaller in the next fiscal year because of the expense of the state primary and the state election, but it is certain that even in election years the income of this office will exceed the operating expense, as a result of the new fee schedules established by the General Court upon the recommendations of the Secretary.

July 7, 1954.

To the Secretary of the Commonwealth:—

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, all of which were paid into the Treasury daily and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 9, Section 1.

Commissions . . . . .	\$ 32,008 00	
Corporations . . . . .	738,862 83	
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	440 00	
Declaration Trusts . . . . .	7,260 00	
Trade Marks . . . . .	5,925 00	
Sale of Books . . . . .	26,000 72	
Certificates . . . . .	3,765 00	
Military Records . . . . .	15 25	
Copies—Archives . . . . .	\$ 2,934 05	
Corporation . . . . .	12,824 45	15,758 50
Advanced Sheets . . . . .		2,720 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .		7,662 00
Trust Receipts . . . . .		8,922 00
Liens . . . . .		168 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .		1,026 00
		<u>\$850,533 30</u>

Financial Statement Verified

Date September 2, 1954

Approved for Publishing, Ralph E. Houghton, *Acting Comptroller.*

## EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1954

0501-01 Secretary's Salary . . . . .	\$ 9,000 00
0501-02 Personal Services and Expenses . . . . .	325,496 25
0502-01 Archives and Photostatic Copies . . . . .	4,974 13
0502-02 Journals of the House . . . . .	2,250 00
0503-01 Printing Acts and Resolves . . . . .	35,864 19
0533-02 Decisions of Supreme Court . . . . .	11,764 70*
0503-03 Printing Public Documents . . . . .	7,092 65*
0504-01 Primaries and Other Elections . . . . .	38,968 30*
0505-01 Medical Examiners Fees . . . . .	1,451 10
Total . . . . .	<u>\$436,861 32</u>

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$413,671.98.

\*These items are continuing accounts.



## ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every state officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is specifically provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1953, pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December, 1953:—

Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section D

Trust Companies and Certain Other Financial Institutions—1952

Statistical Reports of the Commissioner of Correction, 1949–50

Directory of Labor Organizations (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Elections Statistics Report (Secretary of the Commonwealth) 1952

Trustees, State Library, 1953

Port of Boston Authority, 1953

State Reclamation Board (Department of Agriculture) 1952–53

Commission on Alcoholism—1953

Division of Fisheries and Game, 1953

Purchasing Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance) 1953

Appellate Tax Board, 1953

Division of the Blind (Department of Education) 1952

Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1953

Department of Conservation, 1953

Port of Boston Commission, 1953

Department of Public Health, 1953

Department of Public Safety, 1953

Subsequent to legal filing date, the following reports were received:—

Division of Standards (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Department of the Attorney-General, 1953

Division of Registration (Department of Civil Service and Registration) 1953

Board of Registration in Optometry, 1953

Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, 1953

Department of Mental Health, 1952

Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1953

Department of the Auditor, 1953

Board of Dental Examiners, 1953

State Examiners of Electricians—1953

Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1953

University of Massachusetts, 1953

Division on the Necessaries of Life (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Outdoor Advertising Authority, 1953

Commission Against Discrimination, 1953

Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 1953

Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, 1953

Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section A, Co-operative Banks and Savings and Loan Associations, 1953

Comptroller's Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance) 1953

Metropolitan District Assessments (Treasurer and Receiver-General) 1953

Department of Education (Part 2) 1953

Division of Employment Security (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Department of Education (Part 1) 1953

Division of Industrial Safety (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Finance Commission of the City of Boston, 1953

Division of Apprentice Training (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 1953

Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing, 1953

Boston Arena Authority, 1953

Department of the Attorney-General, 1952  
 Department of Corporations and Taxation, 1949  
 State Racing Commission, 1953  
 Department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, 1953  
 Elections Statistics Report (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth) 1953  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section B, Credit Unions, 1953  
 Police Commissioner for City of Boston, 1953  
 University of Massachusetts (Part I) 1953  
 Division of Statistics (Department of Labor and Industries) 1952  
 Board of Library Commissioners (Department of Education) 1953  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1947  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1948  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1949  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1950  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953  
 Division of Occupational Hygiene (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1949  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1950  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1951  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1952  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953  
 Massachusetts Development and Industrial Commission, 1950  
 Massachusetts Development and Industrial Commission, 1951  
 Massachusetts Development and Industrial Commission Report on the Competitive Position of Massachusetts Industry in the United States and World Markets, 1952  
 Statistics of Municipal Finances (Department of Corporations and Taxation) 1951  
 Vital Statistics of Massachusetts (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth) 1952

#### ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, there have been made 11 military certificates; 28 typewritten copies; 56,983 photostatic copies of legislative records, maps, plans, corporation records, and veterans' discharges.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing by attorneys of their appearance before the Parole Board in behalf of persons seeking a pardon or parole, thirty-seven attorneys have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles, and commutations of sentences, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and thirty-nine cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 22,800 oaths have been received and filed.

It is imperative that additional space be allocated to the Archives in order that the historical records of the Commonwealth may be properly safeguarded and that the public may be adequately served.

#### 1954 COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1954 was 4,991, of which 360 were without fee and 83 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public . . . . .	4,434
Justices of the Peace . . . . .	167
Justices of the Peace designated to solemnize marriages . . . . .	8
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	11
Associate Justice, Superior Court . . . . .	1
Chief Justice, Municipal Court, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Associate Justice, Municipal Court, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Justice, District Court of Leominster . . . . .	1
Special Justice, East Boston District Court . . . . .	1
Special Justice, First District Court of Bristol . . . . .	1
District Attorney, Norfolk County . . . . .	1
Clerks, District Courts . . . . .	4
Masters in Chancery . . . . .	17
Public Administrators . . . . .	21
Medical Examiners . . . . .	15
Associate Medical Examiners . . . . .	14
Trustees, Commissioners, etc. . . . .	182
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers . . . . .	4
Special State Police Officers . . . . .	68
Commissioner of Deeds, resident in Other States . . . . .	1
Public Warehouse licenses . . . . .	38
	<hr/> 4,991

Certificates to the number of 10,289 were issued, of which 2,801 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty-one persons re-registered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, was 3,926. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:—

Business . . . . .	3,507
Religious, charitable, social, etc. . . . .	381
Fraternal beneficiary . . . . .	2
Church . . . . .	16
Credit union . . . . .	15
Insurance . . . . .	1
Trust company . . . . .	1
Cooperative bank . . . . .	1
Gas . . . . .	1
Water . . . . .	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 44,830. Said certificates are classified as follows:—

Articles of organization of the 10 classes of corporations mentioned above . . . . .	3,926
Certificate of organization of religious parish . . . . .	1
Business issues . . . . .	761
Business increases . . . . .	308
Business reductions . . . . .	142
Business amendments . . . . .	839
Non-business changes of name . . . . .	69
Religious, charitable, social etc., amendments . . . . .	33
Fraternal beneficiary amendments . . . . .	8
Gas and electric pay. cap. . . . .	2
Gas and electric increases . . . . .	8

Gas and electric reductions	2
Business consolidations	14
Business mergers	10
Conditions	31,144
Social and athletic corporation reports	3,096
Foreign increases	23
Foreign reductions	68
Foreign power attorney by person or partnership	13
Trust receipt financing statements	2,974
Liens	56
Voluntary association trust reports	726
Trade-marks	226
Assignments of trade-marks	11
Limited partnerships	44
Gas and electric approval of issue, etc.	29
Water co. approval of issue, etc.	2
Railroad and street railway approval of issue, etc.	3
Telephone	1
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	18
Appoint agent (American Legion)	1
Appoint administrator of Roman Catholic Church	2
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 3,325 corporations)	14
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution	1
Certificates of revival of corporations	212
Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations	42
Certificate of Special Act	1
	<hr/> 44,830
Non-business charters withheld	11
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	9
Non-business applications for change of name withdrawn	1
Certified copies supplied	4,670
Special certificates supplied	680

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1954 session of the General Court 309 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 30 compared with 1953. Returns for the 1954 session were not received until after the close of the session and the close of the Fiscal Year 1953-1954.

Returns covering 304 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Three employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law and two employers whose returns appear not to conform to law, have been reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$269,007.24. Of this amount \$69,285 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees apportioned and \$7,200 unapportioned, and \$192,522.24 payments in connection with legislation only. Eighteen employers stated that they paid nothing.



## PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 44: of which 39 were full and complete; 1 conditional discharge from the Danvers State Hospital; 2 commutations; 2 remanders.

There were 65 requisitions issued upon other States: 1 upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States; 1 upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States of America; 3 upon the Secretary of Defense of the United States of America; and 24 warrants were issued upon requisitions from other States.

## PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1953; Constitution Day, September 17, 1953; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1953; United Nations Day, October 24, 1953; American Education Week, November 8–14, 1953; Armistice Day, November 11, 1953; Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1953; Civil Rights Week, December 8–15, 1953; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1954; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1954; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1954; One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1954; Peter Francisco Day, March 15, 1954; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1954; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1954; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1954; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1954; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1954; Memorial Day, May 30, 1954; Flag Day, June 14, 1954 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1954. August 12, 1953 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 30, 1954, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 4–10, 1953 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

March 12, 1954 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth lying east of the Connecticut River at 6:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on July 3, 1953 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard which existed in some of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought, and proclaiming a closed season on all fishing, except as provided, hunting and trapping, and prohibiting the possession of firearms on the property of another during the continuance of the proclamation except that fishing from boats shall not be prohibited in any inland water which can be reached without entering any woodland.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor re-opening all sections of forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth, lying east of the Connecticut River commencing at 6:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Daylight Time, on July 13, 1953 and all effective seasons on hunting, trapping and fishing, and allowing the possession of firearms on the property of others, since sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought.



On July 14, 1953 a proclamation was issued by the Governor to the press appointing Mr. Benjamin Green, representing industry, Mr. Alfred Borges, representing labor and Mr. William S. Lynch, representing the general public as an emergency board of arbitration for the labor dispute existing between Local 396, Utility Workers of America, C.I.O., and their employer, the Montaup Electric Company, as a substantial interruption in the distribution of essential goods, namely electric power, was then imminent, and as such interruption would curtail the availability of essential electric power to such an extent as to endanger the health or safety of the communities of Fall River, Dighton, Somerset, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Swansea, Westport, Brockton, Easton, Abington, Rockland, Avon, Cohasset, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate, Stoughton and Whitman, and as the intervention of government would be in the public interest and in accordance with the policy declared by the General Court in Chapter 150B of the General Laws, as inserted by Chapter 596 of the Acts of 1947.

A proclamation was issued by the Governor on July 31, 1953 ordering the Commissioner of Public Safety to take immediate possession of twelve Greater Boston milk companies under the authority of the Slichter Act after a breakdown of negotiations between Local 380, Milk Wagon Drivers, Creamery and Ice Cream Workers, American Federation of Labor, and their employers, the Whiting Milk Company, the Seven Oaks Dairy Company, the United Farmers of New England, Incorporated, White Brothers, J. F. Cashin and Company, Weiler-Sterling Farms Company, Deerfoot Farms, Herlihy Brothers, Incorporated, Putnam Brothers, M. S. Cosgrove and Sons, McAdams Dairy Products, and the Walker-Gordon Laboratories of New England, Incorporated, as a substantial interruption in the distribution of essential goods or services was imminent and as such interruption would curtail the availability of essential milk to such an extent as to endanger the health or safety of the Commonwealth and of the communities contained therein, including the area from Cape Cod to the North Shore, and as the intervention of government would be in the public interest and in accordance with the policy declared by the General Court in Chapter 150B of the General Laws, as inserted by the Acts of 1947, Chapter 596.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on September 1, 1953 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard which existed in some of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought, and proclaiming a closed season on all fishing, except as provided, hunting and trapping, and prohibiting the possession of firearms on the property of another during the continuance of the proclamation except that fishing from boats, wharfs, piers and causeways shall not be prohibited in any inland water which can be reached without entering any woodland.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor reopening all sections of forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 6:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Daylight Time, on September 14, 1953 and all effective seasons on hunting, trapping and fishing, and allowing the possession of firearms on the property of others, since sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 12:00 noon, on October 19, 1953 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought, and proclaiming a closed season

on all fishing, except as provided, hunting and trapping, and prohibiting the possession of firearms on the property of another during the continuance of the proclamation except that fishing from boats, wharfs, piers and causeways shall not be prohibited in any inland water which can be reached without entering any woodland.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor reopening all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 6:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, on October 26, 1953 and all effective seasons on hunting and fishing, and allowing the possession of firearms on the property of others, since sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought.

Proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following:—National Softball Week, July 12–19, 1953; Vegetable Week, July 30–August 8, 1953; Jimmy Time, September 1–15, 1953; Union Label Week, September 7–13, 1953; National Home Week, September 20–27, 1953; Roxbury Day, September 26, 1953; Firemen's Muster Day, September 27, 1953; New England Tobacco Week, September 27–October 3, 1953; Liberation Day, September 30, 1953; Eye Research Month, the month of October, 1953; National Newspaper Boy Day, October 3, 1953; Cranberry Week, October 4–10, 1953; National Letter Writing Week, October 4–10, 1953; Pharmacy Week, October 4–10, 1953; Emergencies Don't Wait Week, October 5–11, 1953; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 4–10, 1953; Business Women's Week, October 11–17, 1953; Massachusetts Oil Progress Week, October 11–17, 1953; Credit Union Day, October 15, 1953; Religion in American Life Month, the month of November, 1953; American Art Week, November 1–7, 1953; National Flower Week, November 1–8, 1953; Muscular Dystrophy Month, the period of November 2–26, 1953; Massachusetts Retail Grocers Week, the week beginning November 8, 1953; Truck Transportation Week, November 16–22, 1953; March of Dimes Month, the month of January, 1954; Good Neighbor Day, January 1, 1954; Big Brother Week, January 10–17, 1954; National Thrift Week, January 17–23, 1954; YMCA Week, January 24–30, 1954; National V.F.W. Week, January 24–30, 1954; Junior Achievement Week, January 31–February 6, 1954; Heart Month, the month of February, 1954; Children's Dental Health Day, February 1, 1954; Crusade for Freedom, the period from February 12–22, 1954; Boy Scout Week, February 7–13, 1954; Negro History Week, February 7–14, 1954; Thomas Alva Edison Day, February 11, 1954; Republic of Lithuania Day, February 16, 1954; Brotherhood Week, February 21–28, 1954; Red Cross Month, March 1–31, 1954; President's Day, March 4, 1954; World Day of Prayer, March 5, 1954; Save Your Vision Week, March 7–13, 1954; ORT Day, March 8, 1954; Camp Fire Girls' Birthday Week, March 14–20, 1954; Easter Seal Month, March 18 to Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1954; Boys' Club Week, March 29–April 4, 1954; World Jewish Child's Day, April 4, 1954; Bataan Day, April 9, 1954; Humane Sunday, April 25, 1954 and Be Kind to Animals Week, April 26–May 1, 1954; Massachusetts Social Hygiene Day, April 28, 1954; National Sports Festival, April 30–May 16, 1954; Elks Youth Day, May 1, 1954; Child Health Day, May 1, 1954; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1954; Audubon Week, the first week of May, 1954; Mental Health Month, May 2–31, 1954; Senior Citizens Week, May 2–8, 1954; English High School Association Day, May 3, 1954; National Hospital Week, May 9–15, 1954; Massachusetts State Mothers' Week, May 9–15, 1954; Armed Forces Day, May 15, 1954; Women Veterans' Day, May 16, 1954; New England Textile Week, May 16–23, 1954; Letters from America Week, May 17–23, 1954; Clean-Up, Paint-Up Safety Days, May 21–31, 1954; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1954; Jersey Week, May 30–June 5, 1954; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1954; Natural Resources Week, June 6–12, 1954; Truck Safety Week, June 7–11, 1954; Fraternal Week, June 13–19, 1954; Baltic States Freedom Day, June 15, 1954; Father's Day, June 20, 1954 and Advertising Week, June 20–27, 1954.



## PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1954, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 24,017 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-two reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1953 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,048 copies of the 1953 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 7,000 copies of the 1953 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,175 copies of the 1953 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; 4,934 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings, 1952; *Veterans Proceedings*: 606 copies of the Proceedings of the Fifty-third Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 900 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 651 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 611 copies of the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Convention, American Veterans of World War II, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 604 copies of the Ninth Annual Convention, American Veterans of World War II, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1953, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 28, 1751-52; 5,180 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance on Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1953-A Edition, 5,090 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1954; 5,116 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1953; *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of Volume 329, Massachusetts Reports; *Miscellaneous*: 1,000 copies of Minimum Curriculum and Syllabus for Schools of Practical Nursing, 1953; 249 copies of the Addresses and Messages to the General Court, Proclamations, Public Addresses, Official Statements and Correspondence of General Interest of His Excellency Governor Paul A. Dever, 1949 to 1952; making a grand total of 84,756 copies.

The sale of Massachusetts Reports surplus volumes on hand, as authorized by Chapter 57, Resolves of 1950, commenced on January 1, 1951. Of the approximate number of copies available for sale, namely, 90,000, about 3,065 were sold during the fiscal year.

## PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

This year, due to lack of sufficient appropriation, the Supervisor of Public Records has been unable to visit with the Record Custodians except in a limited number of places, and these visits were made at his own expense.

*Standard Record Ink*

This department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept, in accordance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the Commonwealth is paid for by this department; ink supplied to the counties, cities and towns is paid for by the individual county, city or town.

Violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

A new method of distribution of Record Ink has been arranged. Offices in and near the State House may pick up the ink at Room 252, State House. This will result in a saving on delivery charges and faster service.

*Repairing and Binding*

In keeping with the policy of doing some binding in the Archives each year several volumes have been repaired and rebound.

Recommendations for repairing and binding, the necessity for which was observed during inspections, have been made to the proper persons. More volumes of the Massachusetts archives have been rebound and others will be rebound, subject to the amount appropriated.

*Carbon Paper*

Revised copies of the list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950, are available at this office.

*Typewriter Ribbons*

Revised copies of the list of approved typewriter ribbons are available at this office wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the 48-hour Fade-Ometer test.

*Stamp Pads and Stamp Pad Inks*

Revised copies of the list of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks are available at this office.

Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of the above mentioned lists.

*Safes and Vaults*

This division has available for distribution on request specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations must be completed according to the standards required for new construction.

In several instances new vaults have been recommended to replace antiquated safes and many doors have been changed to the approved 6-hour type.

## REFERENDA

## INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

There were no initiative or referendum petitions filed for the fiscal year 1953-4.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 and Chapter 30, Section 37A, inserted by Chapter 576 of the Acts of 1951, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, or to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law, additional rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954: Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Welfare, Department of Public Works, Appellate Tax Board, Division of Employment Security, Commission on Administration and Finance, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Milk Control Commission and State Racing Commission. The 1952 report listed all rules and regulations on file to June 30, 1952 and the same continue in full force and effect except for such changes as are indicated by the reports here listed as filed between July 1, 1953 and June 30, 1954. The full list on file to June 30, 1954 is as follows:

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE FILED RULES AND REGULATIONS  
IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1954

1. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
2. Appellate Tax Board
3. Commission on Administration and Finance
4. Department of Agriculture
  - Agricultural Experiment Station, Massachusetts State College
  - Division of Livestock Disease Control
  - Milk Regulation Board
5. Department of Banking and Insurance
  - Division of Loan Agencies
  - Division of Co-operative Banks
  - Division of Insurance
6. Department of Civil Service and Registration
  - Board of Registration of Barbers
  - Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry)
  - Board of Dental Examiners
  - State Examiners of Electricians
  - Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing
  - Board of Registration in Hairdressers
  - Board of Registration in Medicine
  - Board of Registration in Optometry
  - Board of Registration in Pharmacy
  - Board of State Examiners of Plumbers
  - Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
7. Department of Education
8. Department of Labor and Industries
  - Division of Minimum Wage
  - Minimum Wage Commission
  - Division of Standards and Necessaries of Life
9. Department of Natural Resources
10. Department of Public Health
11. Department of Public Safety
  - State Fire Marshal
  - Board of Boiler Rules
  - State Boxing Commission
  - Board of Elevator Regulations
12. Department of Public Utilities
13. Department of Public Welfare
14. Department of Public Works
  - Bureau of Public Works Airport Management
  - Registry of Motor Vehicles
15. Division of Employment Security
  - Board of Review
16. Licensing Board for the City of Boston
17. Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission
  - Massachusetts State Airport Management Board
18. Metropolitan District Commission
19. Milk Control Commission
20. Sergeant-at-Arms
21. State Racing Commission



## VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1953 were received and total 105,145 births and 36,716 marriages, a decrease of 12 births and a decrease of 980 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1952.

Under the provisions of the same statute 52,551 certified copies of deaths were received, a decrease of 69, as compared with the records of 1952.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1953 cover 11,544, a decrease of 476 as compared with returns for 1952.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1953 number 6,222, a decrease of 781, as compared with the returns of 1952.

From July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954, 10,145 certificates of births, 2,059 certificates of marriages and 2,851 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 15,061 certified copies. Besides these 5,703 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 3,946 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for military purposes, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 51,017 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$8,648.10 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount, \$7,530.50 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$115.50 for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$1,002.10 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 19,743 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 7,826 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 10,849 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 1,020 corrections of marriages and 249 corrections of death records.

Returns of 4,096 names changed in 1953 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



THE FOLLOWING ARE THE  
RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION  
TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF THE GENERAL LAWS

ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION  
OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY  
THE GENERAL COURT

PREPARED BY  
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*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1953					
July 1	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	June 22, 1953	-1	-
July 1	City Clerk, Marlborough	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 17, 1953	-2	-
July 1	City Clerk, Waltham	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 18, 1953	-2	-
July 2	City Clerk, Revere	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 22, 1953	-1	-
July 2	City Clerk, Boston	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 30, 1953	-2	-
July 2	City Clerk, Brockton	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 25, 1953	-2	-
July 2	City Clerk, Medford	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 30, 1953	-1	-
July 3	City Clerk, Taunton	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 29, 1953	-2	-
July 3	Town Clerk, West Springfield	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 29, 1953	-3	-
July 3	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to borrow money for the construction of a stadium (1953, 431)	June 26, 1953	-4	-
July 15	City Clerk, Boston	An Act placing under the State—Boston retirement system certain persons designated by the judges of probate in Suffolk County to serve warrants for the arrest and commitment of insane and other persons (1953, 572)	July 14, 1953	-2	-
July 17	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act making certain changes relative to the retirement act of the city of Worcester (1953, 520)	July 14, 1953	-1	-
July 22	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act relative to the retirement allowance of Nils Swenson, a former custodian of the library of the town of Natick (1953, 127)	July 14, 1953	-5	-
July 22	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	July 10, 1953	-2	-
July 22	City Clerk, Chelsea	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 15, 1953	-4	-
July 23	City Clerk, Chicopee	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 14, 1953	-4	-
July 23	City Clerk, Everett	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 13, 1953	-4	-
July 27	City Clerk, Fall River	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 24, 1953	-2	-
July 27	Assistant City Clerk, Gloucester	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 13, 1953	-1	-
July 27	Assistant City Clerk, Haverhill	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 14, 1953	-1	-
July 27	City Clerk, Holyoke	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 17, 1953	-4	-
July 28	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	July 20, 1953	-1	-
July 28	City Clerk, Lowell	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 14, 1953	-1	-
July 28	City Clerk, Lynn	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 14, 1953	-1	-
July 28	City Clerk, Malden	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 1, 1953	-2	-
July 29	Town Clerk, Maynard	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 27, 1953	-3	-
July 29	Town Clerk, Marblehead	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 27, 1953	-3	-
July 30	City Clerk, New Bedford	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	-1	-
July 30	City Clerk, North Adams	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	-1	-
July 30	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 24, 1953	-1	-
July 30	City Clerk, Pittsfield	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 23, 1953	-2	-
July 30	City Clerk, Somerville	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 22, 1953	-4	-

July 30	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 27, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Webster	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 30, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Westfield	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 30, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Winthrop	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 6, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Woburn	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 20, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Worcester	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 7, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Brookline	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Easthampton	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 29, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Holliston	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 29, 1953	3	10
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Whitman	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 29, 1953	3	40
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Attleboro	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	3	148
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Worcester	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 7, 1953	3	110
		An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to use a portion of the public common for the purpose of establishing a public way between Franklin and Front streets to join Portland and Commercial streets in said city (1953, 584)			
Aug. 14	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	1	
Aug. 14	City Clerk, Gardner	Same act as above (1953, 434)	Aug. 10, 1953	2	
Sept. 3	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act to exempt the real estate of the Ministry-at-Large in Lowell from municipal taxes (1953, 602)	July 21, 1953	2	
Sept. 9	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to granting vacations to employees who return to the service of certain counties, cities or towns after serving in the armed forces of the United States during the period of the hostilities in Korea (1953, 346)	Sept. 1, 1953	1	
Sept. 16	Clerk, Bourne Water District, Bourne	An Act extending the boundaries of the Bourne Water District in the town of Bourne (1953, 497)	Sept. 1, 1953	1	
Oct. 1	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to granting vacations to employees who return to the service of certain counties, cities or towns after serving in the armed forces of the United States during the period of the hostilities in Korea (1953, 346)	Sept. 14, 1953	9	
Oct. 15	Clerk, The Proprietors of Arlington Street Church, Boston	An Act to enable The Proprietors of Arlington Street Church to add to their membership persons who are not proprietors of pews (1953, 228)	Sept. 29, 1953	1	
Oct. 22	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to reimburse the widow of John W. Connors for the expenses of his funeral (1953, 511)	May 6, 1953	10	
Oct. 22	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to increase the pension of John Brook, a former member of the police department of said city (1953, 581)	Oct. 19, 1953	1	
Oct. 23	Town Clerk, Acushnet	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	Oct. 19, 1953	1	
Nov. 5	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act to establish in the town of Shrewsbury representative town government by limited town meetings (1953, 553)	Sept. 30, 1953	7	
Nov. 5	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act establishing a selectmen-town manager form of government for the town of Shrewsbury (1953, 559)	Nov. 3, 1953	3	
Nov. 13	Stoughton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Nov. 3, 1953	3	
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act providing for the initiative and referendum for the city of Northampton (1953, 63)	Nov. 3, 1953	3	2,249
Nov. 20	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	Nov. 27, 1953	3	4,962
Nov. 23	Town Clerk, Athol	Same act as above (1953, 434)	Aug. 21, 1953	3	1,844
			Sept. 21, 1953	3	755



RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1953					
Dec. 7	Town Clerk, Wenham . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amount of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 2, 1953	— <sup>5</sup>	—
Dec. 7	City Clerk, Woburn . . .	An Act relative to the number and terms of office of members of the school committee of the city of Woburn (1953, 128)	Nov. 3, 1953	4,336	3,393
Dec. 7	City Clerk, Woburn . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of superintendent of public works of the city of Woburn under the civil service laws (1953, 257)	Nov. 3, 1953	5,786	2,425
Dec. 10	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act further regulating the licensing of dealers in second hand motor vehicles in the city of Boston (1953, 349)	Dec. 8, 1953	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Holyoke . . .	An Act relative to granting vacations to employees who return to the service of certain counties, cities or towns after serving in the armed forces of the United States during the period of the hostilities in Korea (1953, 346)	Dec. 1, 1953	— <sup>6</sup>	—
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act relative to the establishment, reorganization and abolition of executive departments and administrative boards and officers of the city of Boston (1953, 473)	Dec. 16, 1953	— <sup>3</sup>	—
1954					
Jan. 4	City Clerk, Westfield . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Westfield to appropriate money for the payment of, and to pay, certain unpaid bills (1953, 237)	Dec. 30, 1953	— <sup>1</sup>	—
Mar. 4	City Clerk, Waltham . . .	An Act providing for party nominations for elective municipal officers in the city of Waltham (1953, 133)	Nov. 3, 1953	2,916	5,051
Mar. 8	City Clerk, Beverly . . .	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	Mar. 4, 1954	— <sup>4</sup>	—
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Braintree . . .	An Act authorizing the submission to the voters of the town of Braintree at the annual election of a certain question pertaining to the fluoride supplementation of its water supply (1954, 51)	Mar. 1, 1954	1,527	1,857
Mar. 12	City Clerk, Worcester . . .	An Act relative to tenure of office of the present incumbent of the office of second assistant city clerk in the city of Worcester (1954, 96)	Mar. 9, 1954	— <sup>1</sup>	—
Mar. 15	Town Clerk, Sherborn . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 8, 1954	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Mar. 15	Town Clerk, Athol . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 1, 1954	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Mar. 19	City Clerk, Melrose . . .	An Act amending the charter of the city of Melrose relative to reports of sanitary conditions and safety of schoolhouses (1954, 142)	Mar. 17, 1954	— <sup>4</sup>	—
Mar. 21	Assistant City Clerk, Fall River . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Fall River to sell and convey a portion of Maplewood Park to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River (1954, 160)	Mar. 19, 1954	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Lincoln . . .	An Act restricting the use of lands abutting the highway known as Route 2 in the towns of Lincoln and Concord (1952, 402)	Mar. 6, 1954	473	186
Mar. 23	City Clerk, Somerville . . .	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	Mar. 22, 1954	— <sup>4</sup>	—
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Framingham . . .	An Act providing that town meeting members of the town of Framingham may be candidates for re-election (1953, 609)	Mar. 12, 1954	— <sup>3</sup>	—

Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act providing that elective town officers in the town of Milton may be elected to the board of water commissioners (1954, 146)	Mar.	13, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Jan.	12, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, East Longmeadow	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of the chief of the police department of the town of East Longmeadow under the civil service laws (1953, 265)	Feb.	8, 1954	264	38
Mar. 31	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act placing the office of veterans' agent and director of veterans' services in the city of Pittsfield under the civil service laws (1954, 82)	Feb.	11, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act authorizing a city or town to grant annuities and to increase certain retirement allowances, pensions and annuities of certain officials and employees or to their surviving spouses or children (1953, 387)	Feb.	10, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Orleans	An Act authorizing the town of Orleans to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1953, 418)	Feb.	18, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Sharon	An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Sharon to act as a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards and town officers (1954, 41)	Mar.	1, 1954	1,138	391
Apr. 7	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act providing that certain employees of the town of Watertown shall not be subject to the civil service laws (1954, 94)	Mar.	29, 1954	-	-
Apr. 9	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	Apr.	6, 1954	-	-
Apr. 9	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to use a certain portion of Institute Park for the purposes of a fire station and training ground (1954, 125)	Apr.	6, 1954	-	-
Apr. 9	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to reinstate James F. Duffy as a member of the fire department for the sole purpose of retirement (1954, 242)	Apr.	6, 1954	-	-
Apr. 25	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to construct a municipal auditorium in said city (1954, 164)	Mar.	23, 1954	-	-
Apr. 25	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	Apr.	22, 1954	-	-
May 3	City Clerk, Everett	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	Apr.	29, 1954	-	-
May 17	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act authorizing the town of Natick to use certain park land for school purposes (1954, 27)	Mar.	23, 1954	-	-
May 17	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297)	May	4, 1954	-	-
May 19	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to provide for the filling of vacancies in the full number of town meeting members in the town of Natick (1954, 25)	Apr.	27, 1954	-	-
May 21	Town Clerk, Amherst	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Amherst (1951, 11)	Feb.	16, 1953	779	766
May 21	Secretary-Treasurer, Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, Boston	An Act authorizing the Metropolitan Transit Authority to erect and maintain a station to be known as Science Park Station (1954, 359)	May	14, 1954	-	-
May 26	Assistant City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	May	19, 1954	-	-
May 26	Town Clerk, Scituate	An Act establishing a selectmen-manager form of government for the town of Scituate (1953, 417)	Mar.	8, 1954	1,030	1,506
May 26	Town Clerk, Concord	An Act establishing a selectmen-manager form of government for the town of Concord (1952, 280)	Feb.	24, 1953	676	935

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—*Concluded*

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1954					
May 26	Town Clerk, Holden	An Act to establish the selectmen-town manager form of government in the town of Holden (1951, 406)	Mar. 3, 1952	1,207	991
May 27	Town Clerk, Stoneham	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Stoneham (1951, 50)	Mar. 2, 1953	1,484	1,774
May 28	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	May 25, 1954	-1	-
June 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act permitting James Paul Dallas to become a member of the State-Boston retirement system (1954, 423)	May 28, 1954	-2	-
June 1	Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act establishing in the town of Wakefield representative town government by limited town meetings (1953, 541)	Mar. 1, 1954	1,804	2,570
June 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the amount of pensions of laborers employed by the city of Boston and retired under a certain special law (1954, 420)	June 1, 1954	-2	-
June 14	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	An Act authorizing the city of Quincy to lease certain portions of the property acquired by it from the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company (1954, 154)	June 7, 1954	-1	-
June 15	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	June 14, 1954	-1	-
June 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the recognition of certain service rendered by dentists and dental hygienists in the city of Boston as creditable service under certain retirement systems (1954, 424)	June 16, 1954	-2	-
June 21	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act providing that vacancies in the finance committee in the town of Saugus shall be filled by the moderator (1954, 144)	June 7, 1954	-3	-
June 21	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297)	June 7, 1954	-3	-
June 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	June 15, 1954	-1	-
June 23	Chairman, Middlesex Commissioners	An Act relative to the payment of a sum of money by the county commissioners of Middlesex county to Charles H. McSweeney of Belmont (1954, 55)	June 18, 1954	-12	-
June 30	Assistant Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Bristol county to pay a certain sum of money to Olive Nerney (1954, 380)	June 29, 1954	-10	-

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>4</sup>Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.

<sup>5</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.

<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.

<sup>7</sup>Rejected, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>8</sup>Rejected by the city council.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the voters of the Bourne Water District.

<sup>10</sup>Accepted by The Proprietors of Arlington Street Church.

<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

<sup>12</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.





RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1953				
July 15	Webster	Closing of public offices in cities and towns on Saturdays, 1947, 265 (G. L. 41, s. 110A)	Accepted	July 13, 1953
July 16	Watertown	Ultimate abolition of reserve police forces in certain cities and towns, 1939, 419, s. 2 (G. L. 147, s. 13C)	Accepted	July 13, 1953
July 16	West Springfield	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1953
Aug. 13	North Adams	Licenses for the sale of certain articles on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 7 and 8	Accepted	Aug. 11, 1953
Aug. 13	North Adams	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Aug. 11, 1953
Aug. 13	East Pepperell	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	July 24, 1953
Aug. 21	Chelsea	Additional day's pay or an additional day off duty for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Aug. 3, 1953
Aug. 25	Fall River	Additional day's pay or an additional day off duty for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Aug. 21, 1953
Aug. 25	Fall River	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Aug. 21, 1953
Sept. 8	Revere	Making of repairs on private ways by cities and towns, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Sept. 1, 1953
Sept. 23	Fall River	Making of repairs on private ways by cities and towns, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Sept. 11, 1953
Oct. 19	Chicopee	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Oct. 15, 1953
Oct. 19	Chicopee	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Oct. 15, 1953
Oct. 19	Chicopee	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Oct. 15, 1953
Oct. 22	Cambridge	Reserve fire forces in cities, G. L. 48, ss. 59B-59D	Accepted	Oct. 21, 1953
Oct. 22	Cambridge	Reserve fire force subject to civil service, 1939, 419, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 59E)	Accepted	Oct. 21, 1953
Oct. 26	Lowell	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Oct. 13, 1953
Oct. 26	Lowell	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Oct. 13, 1953
Oct. 28	Westfield	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Oct. 13, 1953
Oct. 28	Shelburne	Licensing of certain public entertainments on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, s. 4	Accepted	Oct. 26, 1953
Oct. 28	Shelburne	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-25	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1949
Oct. 29	Chelsea	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1949
Oct. 29	Hull	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Oct. 21, 1953
Oct. 30	Worcester	Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1953, 293 (G. L. 41, s. 111H)	Accepted	Oct. 26, 1953
Oct. 30	Medford	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Oct. 27, 1953
Nov. 10	Quincy	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 22, 1953
Nov. 13	Stoughton	Reconsideration of proposed change in ordinance or by-law after unfavorable action, G. L. 40, s. 27A	Accepted	June 22, 1953



Nov. 13	Springfield	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Oct. 26, 1953
Nov. 13	Springfield	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Nov. 9, 1953
Nov. 13	Stoughton	Five day week for police in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1952
Nov. 24	Winchester	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	Nov. 16, 1953
Nov. 24	Everett	Five day week for police in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Nov. 16, 1953
Dec. 7	Woburn	Establishment of purchasing department in cities, G. L. 41, s. 103	Accepted	Nov. 3, 1953
Dec. 21	Cambridge	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1953
Dec. 30	Middlesex County	Appointment of temporary officers to county fire patrols, 1953, 496 (G. L. 48, s. 28A)	Accepted	Dec. 29, 1953
1954				
Jan. 4	Boston	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1953
Jan. 6	Winchendon	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1953
Jan. 11	Danvers	Absent voting at town elections, 1948, 477, s. 2 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Nov. 30, 1953
Jan. 13	Marlborough	Hours of duty of permanent members of the fire departments in certain cities and towns, 1941, 638 (G. L. 48, s. 58A)	Accepted	Jan. 11, 1954
Mar. 10	Hanson	Boards of cemetery commissioners, G. L. 114, ss. 22-26	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 18	Sherborn	Sick leave for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by certain cities and towns, G. L. 41, s. 111B, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1954
Mar. 18	Wellesley	Establishment of a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other departments and town officers, 1953, 101, s. 1 (G. L. 41, ss. 69C-69F)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 18	Deerfield	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 18	Mansfield	Repair by cities and towns of private vehicles, 1953, 386, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1954
Mar. 18	Mansfield	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1954
Mar. 22	Everett	Forty hour week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1950, 653 (G. L. 149, s. 33B)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1954
Mar. 22	Stoughton	Vacations for police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1954
Mar. 24	Wilmington	Eviction of persons from unfit dwellings, G. L. 111, s. 128	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 24	Westwood	Vacations for police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 29	Hull	Workmen's compensation insurance for all employees, except members of the police and fire force, G. L. 152, ss. 69-75	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1954
Mar. 30	Arlington	Group life insurance for town employees, 1952, 239 (G. L. 50, s. 5, clause 44)	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1954
Mar. 30	Arlington	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1954
Mar. 30	Arlington	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1954
Mar. 30	Chelsea	Establishment of purchasing departments in cities, G. L. 41, s. 103	Accepted	Nov. 3, 1953
Mar. 31	West Springfield	Promotion of civil service employees from the labor service to the official service under the civil service laws, 1953, 459 (G. L. 31, s. 15B)	Accepted	Feb. 15, 1954
Mar. 31	Sharon	Tenure of office of city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, ss. 19B-19E)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Apr. 5	Weymouth	Repair by cities and towns of private vehicles, 1958, 386, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1954

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1954				
Apr. 5	Weymouth	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Five-day week for the police department, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Repair by cities and towns of private ways, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Group life insurance for permanent employees, 1952, 239 (G. L. 40, s. 5, clause 44)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Appointment of election officers by town clerk, 1943, 411, s. 6 (G. L. 54, s. 16A)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Recreation commission established, G. L. 45, s. 14	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Braintree	Prevention of multiplicity of proposals for the same change in zoning ordinances or by-laws or in their application, 1938, 133, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 27A)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 26	Norfolk Co. Com'rs	Appointment of temporary officers to county fire patrols, 1953, 496 (G. L. 48, s. 28A)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 26	Wellesley	Removal of snow or ice from public ways in adjoining towns, 1945, 319 (G. L. 84, s. 5A)	Accepted	Apr. 20, 1954
Apr. 26	Wellesley	Temporarily filling of vacancies in the offices of election officers, 1943, 411, s. 6 (G. L. 54, s. 16A)	Accepted	Apr. 30, 1954
Apr. 27	Easthampton	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Mar. 30, 1954
Apr. 27	Easthampton	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1954
Apr. 27	Deerfield	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1954
Apr. 27	Boston	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, 1954, 297, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 8A)	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1954
Apr. 29	Shrewsbury	Five-day week for the police department, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Apr. 16, 1954
Apr. 30	Raynham	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	Apr. 15, 1954
May 28	Medford	Annual step-rate increases for municipal public welfare employees, 1951, 537 (G. L. 31, s. 47E)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1954
May 28	Waltham	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	May 25, 1954
June 1	Wakefield	Members of the fire department placed within the classified civil service, 1945, 701, s. 6 (G. L. 31, s. 48)	Accepted	May 25, 1954
June 21	Medford	Repair by cities and towns of private ways, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
June 24	Cambridge	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	June 15, 1954
June 28	Essex Co. Com'rs	Annual tour of duty of state and municipal employees in U. S. Coast Guard Reserve and Air Force Reserve without loss of pay, 1952, 347 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	June 21, 1954
June 30	Quincy	Replacement of a board of health of a city by a health department, 1948, 268, s. 2 (G. L. 111, ss. 26A-26E)	Accepted	June 22, 1954
			Accepted	June 21, 1954